Confirm Service

In this Request, the Postal Service asks the Commission to recommend changes in the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS) to accommodate a new service called Confirm.® The changes consist of a new section 991 entitled "Confirm" under a new major heading 990, "Mailpiece Information". No changes to existing DMCS language are proposed.

The proposed new DMCS language follows:

990   MAILPIECE INFORMATION

991   **CONFIRM**

991.1   **Definition**
991.11   Confirm service permits subscribing customers who apply a specified barcode to their outgoing or pre-addressed reply letters, flats or cards, to identify when mailpieces undergo certain scans in mail processing operations.

991.2   **Availability**
991.21   Confirm is available to any entity meeting the requirements set forth in section 991; it can be associated with mail in the following classification schedules: First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, and Periodicals.
991.22   Confirm data will only be generated for pieces meeting the physical characteristics defined by the Postal Service, and bearing a barcode as specified by the Postal Service.
991.23   Confirm is available by subscription. Customers may subscribe to one or more of the subscription levels described in section 991.24. Customers may also license the use of additional ID codes and additional scans as described in section 991.24.
991.24   Three subscription levels are available for Confirm: Silver, Gold and Platinum.
991.241   The Silver subscription has a term of three months and includes the use of one ID code and up to 15 million scans. Customers may license additional ID codes, or additional scans in blocks of 2 million scans each.
991.242   The Gold subscription has a term of one year and includes the use of one ID code and up to 50 million scans. Customers may license the use of additional ID codes, or additional scans in blocks of 6 million scans each.
991.243   The Platinum subscription has a term of one year and includes the use of three ID codes and unlimited scans. Customers may license the use of additional ID codes.

991.3   **Customer Requirements**
991.31   Customers must have authorization from the Postal Service to use Confirm. Customers must be certified as specified by the Postal Service before they will be authorized to use Confirm. Certification will ensure that the customer is capable of producing and placing barcodes that are compatible with the requirements of Confirm equipment.
991.32   Customers must produce and apply barcodes as specified by the Postal Service on each mailpiece for which Confirm data are

sought and provide additional information as specified by the Postal Service to identify the characteristics of the mailing.

991.33 Payment for Confirm subscriptions, additional ID codes, and additional scans must be made as specified by the Postal Service.

991.4 **Other Services**

991.41 Confirm neither precludes nor requires any other special services.

991.5 **Fees**

991.51 The fees for Confirm are set forth in Fee Schedule 991.